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LETTER DATED 6 OCTOBER 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF CROATIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On behalf of my Government, I have the honour to bring to your attention yet another example of non-compliance with relevant Security Council resolutions by the country provisionally known as the "Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)".

Attached please find a communication dated 16 September 1993 and sent by the "Community of Yugoslav PTT" to all telecommunication administrations of the world. In the communication, the Yugoslav PTT administration informs other telecommunication administrations that, through the international switching centre in Belgrade, international dialling access is provided for the so-called "Serb Republic of Krajina" using the new international country code "381". This particular code was allocated by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) to the "Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)". However, based on the enclosed communication, certain area codes (210, 251, 44, 47, 48 and 780) assigned to the areas on the territory of Croatia presently under the control of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) would be handled through the Belgrade switching centre.

My Government views this to be an attempt to legitimize the existence of an illegal Serbian insurgent regime on the territory of Croatia, through an international body such as ITU. It is our position that this is inconsistent with the relevant provisions of Security Council resolutions 815 (1993), 847 (1993) and 871 (1993). This shows clearly, once again, that the Belgrade authorities do not recognize the territorial integrity of the Republic of Croatia and that they have no intention to do so. My Government would welcome appropriate measures being taken against the "Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)" in this regard.

Bearing in mind the provisions of paragraph 27 of Security Council resolution 820 (1993), which relates only to the territory of the "Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)", it is our view that "import to, export from and transshipment through the United Nations protected areas in the Republic of Croatia" (para. 12) of all the goods and services - including therefore telecommunications - must have prior authorization of the Croatian Government. In this regard and in accordance with paragraph 12 of resolution 820 (1993), I wish to state, on behalf of my Government, that the actions of the members of ITU in providing continuing services to the United Nations protected

areas through the Belgrade telecommunication administration have no authorization of the Croatian Government.

My Government finds that ITU must be instructed to inform the world telecommunication administrations that telecommunication services to the entire territory of the Republic of Croatia, including the United Nations protected areas, can be facilitated only through the Croatian Post and Telecommunications and that attempts to include some parts of the Croatian territory in the postal and telecommunications area of another country is unacceptable.

Furthermore, it is our view that this constitutes a breach of sanctions regime imposed against the "Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)", since the constituted revenue resulting from the continuation of that practice will continue to be diverted from the Republic of Croatia to that entity.

I wish to emphasize that it is the intention of my Government not to prevent telecommunication services to the territory under UNPROFOR control, but to ensure that the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Croatia is respected in every aspect. In this regard we wish to stress that the Croatian Postal and Telecommunication administration will be able, within 72 hours after being provided access to its facilities in the United Nations protected areas to ensure uninterrupted service to those areas.

May I kindly request the assistance of the Security Council in this matter of crucial importance.

I would ask for your kind assistance in distributing this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mario NOBILO
Permanent Representative

Annex

FROM: COMMUNITY OF YUGOSLAV PTT, BELGRADE

DATE: 16 SEPTEMBER 1993

TO: ALL ADMINISTRATIONS

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW COUNTRY CODE "381" FOR THE
INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE SERVICE WITH THE FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

With reference to our message No. 021-4224/93 of 30 August 1993 as well as the inquiries received in the meantime from some PTT administrations, please be advised of the following:

1. Via the international switching centre, Belgrade, using the country code "381" for the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, subscribers of some parts of numbering areas from ex-Yugoslavia and outside the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia are kept being accessed by dialling the following area codes:

In the Serb Republic:

70, 71, 73, 74, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80 and 89

In the Serb Republic of Krajina:

210, 251, 44, 47, 48 and 780

The international accounting for telephone service for the above-mentioned area codes will be made through the Community of Yugoslav PTT as for the terminal telephone service with the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

2. International telephone transit traffic for Macedonia is switched in the international switching centre, Belgrade, using the new country code "389".

All PTT administrations that are willing to use our transit facilities but have not, as yet, done so are kindly invited to negotiate the accounting rates.

3. Please be also advised that the list of localities in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia with characteristic area codes is being prepared and will be sent to you as soon as published. We take this opportunity to ask you to inform us of the number of copies required and the mailing address to which the aforementioned publication should be sent.

4. As regards country codes for other countries formed from ex-Yugoslavia all necessary data are not available at our end and we hope that their administrations will provide you with the appropriate information.

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In the hope and desire that the above additional information will be of use for you, we thank you for your kind cooperation.

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